Promoting Excellence Through Accreditation

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredits Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Child Development Centers

June 15—All four Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Child Development Centers have received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The two Orange child development centers are located at Santiago Canyon College, 8045 E. Chapman Avenue and at the Orange Education Center, located at 1465 N. Batavia.

Research has shown that children engaged in quality early childhood education programs have greater high school graduation rates, lower rates of juvenile crime and teen pregnancy, and less likelihood of being in remedial education programs.

Santiago Canyon College’s two centers offer childcare for children from ages six months to five years old. Childcare fees are established by the State Department of Education, Child Development Division. A sliding fee scale, determined by gross monthly income and number of family members, is available for qualifying families.

All RSCCD Child Development Center teachers are required to attain a child development permit that authorizes the teaching of young children. All teachers are trained and experienced in childhood educational programs through in-service, college classes and/or professional organizations. Many possess their bachelor’s or master’s degrees in early childhood education.

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Since 1985, NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation has established a national and voluntary accreditation system to improve the quality of all preschools, kindergartens and childcare centers. Today, there are over 10,000 NAEYC accredited programs that offer service for more than 850,000 children and their families. The NAEYC can be utilized as a tool to provide families concerned with childhood education a means to compare, evaluate, strengthen and improve educational programs.

For further information about RSCCD Child Development Centers, please call Rancho Santiago Community College District Director of Child Development Services Dee Tucker at (714) 480-7546.

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**About Santiago Canyon College**

Santiago Canyon College is a public community college of Rancho Santiago Community College District, which serves the residents of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Orange, Tustin and Villa Park. The college provides education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, and customized training for business and industry.